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for the year 1963

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Mr.Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my annual report on the sanitary conditions and the state of the public health in the Llanwrtyd Wells Urban District during the year 1963.

In the preparation of this report I have endeavoured to deal briefly with all matters within my responsibility regarding public health and preventive medicine and I have included all the subjects specifically requested in Circular 1/64(Wales) by the Welsh Board of Health.

Section 1. General and Vital Statistics.

Area.....1648 acres.

Population.

Census 1931.....742.
Census 1951.....560.
Census 1961.....536.
Estimated at Midsummer 1963.....500.

Population estimated during the last 10 years.

1954.	1955.	1956.	1957.	1958.	1959.	1960.	1961.	1962.	1963.
530.	520.	520.	510.	500.	490.	490.	510.	500.	500.

These results indicate that the population is slowly but surely dropping.

Number of inhabited houses.....192. This gives an average number of 2.6 persons per house.

Live Births.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Crude Rate per 1000 Population
Legitimate	0.	0.	0.	
Illegitimate	0.	0.	0.	
	0.	0.	0.	0.

Corrected birthrate.....0.

The corresponding rate for the whole of England and Wales was 18.2. The district rate was therefore lower than the national average and also as will be seen lower than the deathrate.

Deaths.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Crude Rate per 1000 Population.
	6.	4.	10.	20.0

The corrected deathrate was 12.4

The corresponding rate for England and Wales was 12.2. The district rate was therefore higher than the national average and also higher than the birthrate.

Still Births.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Rate per 1000 Live & Still Births
	0.	0.	0.	0.

The corresponding rate for the whole of England and Wales was 17.3 The district rate was therefore lower than the national average.

Illegitimacy. There were no illegitimate births registered during the year.

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Total Live and Still Births. For the year this number was Nil.

Infantile Mortality. This is the number of deaths occurring in children of under one year of age. No such deaths occurred in the district during the year.
National Infantile Mortality rate.....20.9

Maternal Deaths. No deaths occurred which could be attributed to childbirth. This is a very satisfactory feature.

Maternal Mortality Rate.....0.

Deaths from Special Causes.

Infectious Disease.....Nil.
Respiratory Tuberculosis.....Nil.
Other tuberculous disease.....Nil.
Cancer.....One.

Analysis of Causes of Deaths. Males.....6. Females.....4.

	Males.	Females.
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	0.
Vascular lesions, nervous system	0	3.
Hypertension with heart disease	1	0.
Other heart disease	0	1.
Other circulatory disease	1	0.
Other diseases, respiratory system	1	0.
Homicide	1	0.
Gastritis, enteritis	1	0.

Section 2. General Provisions of Health Services.

There was one change in your Public Health Officers during the year. Mr. J.C. Bowen continued to act as your Public Health Inspector and Mr. J.R.M. Walker commenced as additional Public Health Inspector on 10th. January. These two officers work in a similar capacity for Builth R.D.C. and Colwyn R.D.C.

Laboratory Facilities. During the year laboratory facilities were available at Cardiff, Newport, Carmarthen, Swansea, and Aberystwyth. The laboratory of the Public Analyst for the County of Carmarthen was available for water samples whilst any investigation required in the control of infectious disease was performed by the Public Health Laboratory at Carmarthen, but samples must now be conveyed by car owing to discontinuance of rail service.

Nursing Facilities etc. The County Council are responsible for the provision of ambulance facilities, home nursing, maternity and child welfare, immunisation, and the treatment of minor ailments, dental, eye and orthopaedic defects.

Hospitals. The hospital needs of the residents of the district, for all diseases apart from infectious disease, are provided by the Local Hospital at Builth Wells.

The arrangements for the treatment of infectious disease remain the same as in previous years. Merthyr Borough Council treat the patients from the district suffering from infectious disease and these are conveyed to Merthyr in ambulances maintained by Merthyr.

These arrangements are proving extremely satisfactory. For the treatment of smallpox cases arrangements have been made by the Welsh Board of Health for beds to be available at the Penrhys Hospital, Rhondda.
Hereford Fever Hospital is also able to take cases of infectious disease.

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Section 3. Sanitary Circumstances.

Water Supplies. The Builth and District Water Board now administers the water supply to the district.

Number of inspections made.....5.
Number of samples taken from town supply.....12.
Nine were reported as satisfactory.
One chemical samples was taken in connection with natural fluorine content, which was 0.03 parts per million.

Properties served from public water mains.
Number of properties served direct to house.....182.
Population thus served.....474.
Number of properties served by standpipes.....2.
Population thus served.....5.
Number of houses on private supply.....8.
Number of persons so served.....20.

Drainage and Sewerage. The drainage of the district and the excellent sewage disposal works continued to function satisfactorily during the year.
Number of inspections made.....12.

Public Cleansing. Refuse was collected once weekly throughout the year by direct labour. This service has proved satisfactory and no complaints have been received.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area. The sanitary inspection of the area was undertaken by the Public Health Inspector. All details relating to inspections, notices served, visits and samples taken in the whole of the report give information relating to the work of the Public Health Inspector during the year.

Nuisances.
Number of complaints received.....9.
Number of complaints investigated.....9.
Number of premises inspected.....9.
Number of premises revisited.....3.
Number of preliminary notices served.....3.
Number of abatement notices served.....0.

Offensive Trades. There are no offensive trades in the district.

Common Lodging Houses. No common lodging houses exist in the district.

Shops.
Number of inspections made by Public Health Inspector.....13.
Number of notices served.....0.

Licensed Premises.
Number of inspections made by Public Health Inspector.....2.
Number of notices served(informal).....1.

Camping Sites. There are no recognised camping sites in the district.

Eradication of Bed Bugs and Steps taken to combat infestation.

No premises were found to be verminous during the year.

Rodent Control. This work is performed by a Council workman.

Number of premises inspected.....37.
Number of inspections andrevisits.....77.
Number found infested.....23.
Number of premises treated by Rodent Operator.....23.
Number of premises treated by occupier.....0.

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The refuse disposal tip and sewage works were treated at monthly intervals.
The sewers were also treated during the year.Ten per cent of manholes were baited and there were no bait takes at any of the manholes.

Legal Proceedings.No legal proceedings were instituted during the year.

Tents,Vans and Sheds.
Number of visits.....1.
Number of notices.....0.

Section 4. Housing. No new houses were built during the year.

Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925,Article 31. No action was taken under these regulations during the year.

Section 5. Inspection and Supervision of Food.
In connection with clean food no educational activity occurred during the year.The number of food premises by type,in the district were: 6 Licensed Premises, 2 Bakehouses, 3 Butchers, 3 Cafes and 7 others carrying on a "mixed" business.

Food & Drugs Act,1955. Section 16. The premises registered under this section were 6 ice cream premises and 3 butchers.

Milk. Since the coming into operation of the Milk & Dairies Act,1944, the Council is left with the registration and supervision of milk distributors. No samples were examined during the year.

Meat.The private Slaughterhouse was operated during the year.Details of animals killed etc. are given below:-

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole and part

	Cattle excluding cows	Calves	Pigs	Sheep and Lambs	Horses
Carcases slaughtered	-	-	-	705	-
Number inspected	-	-	-	705	-
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysterceri					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	144	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysterceri	-	-	-	20.4	-
Tuberculosis only					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Cysterceri					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-

Other Foods.

Food Preparation Rooms(including bakehouses).

Number of inspections made by Public Health Inspector.....8.
Number of notices served.....0.

Ice Cream.

Number of producer retailers.....0.
Number of retailers only,all selling prepacked.....5.
The samples taken were five and the results were:-
Category 1.....4.
One sample was unsuitable for examination.

Preserved Food Premises.
Number of inspections.....9.

Fried Fish Shops.There was no fried fish shop in the district during the year.

Food Condemned. No food other than meat was condemned during the year.

Public Swimming Pool.The Council approved plans for the erection of a "Purley" type swimming pool and also for a paddling pool of conventional design.Adequate purification plant and changing facilities are to be provided.These facilities are intended to be available for the summer of 1964.

Cemetery.A part of the Cemetery has now been consecrated and a Joint Cemetery Committee,consisting of three members of Builth R.D.C. and three members of Llanwrtyd Wells U.D.C.,has been constituted. No burials took place,in this new cemetery,during the year

Section 6,Prevalence and Control of Infectious Disease.

Two cases of measles were notified to me during the year,both of which were nursed at home.No deaths occurred as a result of infectious disease.

Venereal Disease.The County Council has an agreement with the General and Eye Hospital,Swansea,for the treatment of these cases.The tracing of contacts and the following up of defaulters is the responsibility of the County Council.

Tuberculosis.The following details show the position as regards tuberculosis in recent years.

Number of cases on register at commencement of year.....9.
Number of cases entered during the year.....1.
Number of cases removed as deceased.....0.
Number of cases removed as recovered.....1.
Number of cases removed as left district.....0.
Number of cases remaining on register at end of year.....9.
Contacts of these cases are now offered prophylactic treatment by B.C.C.

The number of notifications in recent years is shown below:-

1954.	1955.	1956.	1957.	1958.	1959.	1960.	1961.	1962.	1963.
4.	2.	3.	0.	2.	2.	0.	3.	0.	1.

APPEMDIX

Factories Acts,1937 to 1959

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1963 FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT OF LLANWRTYD WELLS IN THE COUNTY OF BRECONSHIRE

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PART 1 OF THE ACT

1.- INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health(including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
i.Factories in which Sections 1,2, 3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	-	-
ii.Factories not included in(i)in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	4	3	-	-
iii.Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority(excluding out-workers' premises)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	4	3	-	-

2.- Cases in which DEFECTS were found
(If defects are discovered at the premises on two,three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two,three or more cases)

Particulars (1)	No.cases in which defects were found: Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	Referred By H.M. Inspector (5)	Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
Want of cleanliness(S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding(S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature(S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation(S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors(S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences(S.7) (a)Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b)Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c)Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

There was no outwork done in the district during the year.

Yours faithfully,

T.C.R.George,

Medical Officer of Health